

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 (VANCOUVER ISLAND NORTH)

October 18, 2021  
6:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Leightan Wishart, Chairperson of the Board of Education, at the School Board office, Port Hardy B.C. at 6:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Leightan Wishart, Chair  
Jeff Field, Vice-Chair  
Leanne Farrell, Trustee  
Carol Prescott, Trustee  
Eric Hunter, Trustee  
Lawrie Garrett, Trustee

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**WELCOME**

Chair Wishart opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional territories of the Kwakwaka'wakw.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
45/21**

Hunter/Prescott:  
That the regular meeting minutes of the September 20, 2021 be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**ADDITIONS TO THE  
AGENDA**

No additions to the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA  
46/21**

Field/Hunter:  
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION**

No presentations.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

No correspondence.

**DISTRICT REPORTS:**

**SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT/MINISTRY UPDATE**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported the following:

On September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> School District 85 senior leadership, trustees, staff and students took part in promoting and honouring Truth and Reconciliation Day.

The superintendent and assistant superintendent attended the Fall Vancouver Island School Trustee Academy on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

FSA's are underway in SD85. They take place in all school districts across BC from October 4<sup>th</sup> until November 12<sup>th</sup>.

SD85 team members attended the joint local teacher bargaining learning sessions. We are now working on dates for local bargaining to take place between November and March.

PHSS tile art project took place to help bring awareness to Truth and Reconciliation Call 83.

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, the senior leadership team met with our indigenous community partners for consultations on some of the special grants recently received by the district.

On October 12<sup>th</sup>, the superintendent and assistant superintendent attended a meeting with the local Director of Operations for the Foundry to discuss the next steps and what SD85 would like to see moving forward.

On October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the superintendent attended the Joint Partner Liaison meeting with the board chair and secretary treasurer. There were presentations from many Ministry of Education staff.

The first FNEC meeting of the school year will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The senior leadership team will meet with representatives from the Nawalakw Healing Center on the traditional territories of the Namgis to begin discussions on expectations for safety and liability.

**THE GREAT SHAKEOUT**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported that The Great BC Shakeout emergency practice will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DRAFT REPORTING POLICY**

Superintendent Christina MacDonald reported the Province of British Columbia has posted a draft K-12 Student Reporting Policy and is asking for feedback.

**DISBURSMENTS 47/21**

Field/Hunter:  
That the October 2021 disbursement statements be approved as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 MINOR CAPITAL PLAN**

The Board reviewed the 2022-2023 Minor Capital Plan projects listing.

Garrett/Farrell:  
That the 2022-2023 Minor Capital Plan be approved.

**CARRIED**

**NEW EMPLOYEE  
ORIENTATION**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported that the new employee orientation will be held virtually on Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**ENROLLMENT REPORT  
2021-2022**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported our enrollment numbers are up from last year.

**TTOC REPORT**

Assistant Superintendent Rena Sweeney reported there are currently 18 TTOCs available for full time work and 9 TTOCs available for part time work. The TTOC posting is active and closes at the end of October.

**COMMITTEE POLICY  
REPORT**

Vice-Chair Field brought forward a report from the earlier Committee of the Whole: Policy meeting. There were six items referred to the regular meeting.

**48/21**

Wishart/Farrell:  
That PM 5-80 Interviews, Interrogations or Searches receive 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and be circulated for feedback.

**CARRIED**

**49/21**

Wishart/Farrell:  
That PM 4-43 Public Interest Disclosure receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading and be circulated for feedback.

**CARRIED**

**50/21**

Wishart/Farrell:  
That PM 2-290 Selection of Learning Resources be approved for housekeeping amendments.

**CARRIED**

**51/21**

Wishart/Farrell:  
That PM 6-80 Use of Board Property for Child Care receive 1<sup>st</sup> reading and be circulated for feedback.

**CARRIED**

**52/21**

Wishart/Farrell:  
That PM 6-50 Community Use of School Facilities be approved for housekeeping amendments.

**CARRIED**

**53/21**

Wishart/Farrell:  
That the entire policy manual be approved for housekeeping amendments related to changing the word 'Aboriginal' to 'Indigenous' where appropriate.

**CARRIED**

A discussion took place regarding mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations for staff. The Board is awaiting further information before making any decisions.

- TRUSTEE SHARING:** Trustee Hunter discussed attending Truth and Reconciliation Day on the site of the residential school in Alert Bay.
- Chair Wishart discussed his attendance with the tri-band walk for honouring and supporting Truth and Reconciliation Day in Port Hardy.
- BCPSEA** Vice-Chair Field reported that the BCPSEA meeting in November will be held virtually and the parties are going to be starting in-person meetings for joint bargaining.
- FNEC** Trustee Hunter reported the first FNEC meeting of the year is scheduled October 19th.
- BCSTA** Trustee Hunter will attend the BCSTA Provincial Council meeting virtually on October 14th and 15th.
- HEARING OF DELEGATES** No hearing of delegates.
- STUDENT TRUSTEES** No student trustees to report.
- DPAC** DPAC Representative Leslie Dyck accepted an invitation from the Ministry of Education to attend an online learning parents forum. DPAC reps will be attending a meeting regarding managing areas of concern of COVID-19 in schools. DPAC Summit is coming up and will be held virtually. The next DPAC meeting is on Wednesday, October 20th.
- VINTA** VINTA President Jason Voth reported on his brief that outlined concerns around TTOC banked days, joint bargaining dates, the status of the Provincial funding that was announced last June and vaccine mandates.
- CUPE** No CUPE representative to report.
- QUESTION PERIOD  
(10 MINUTES MAXIMUM)** No questions presented to the Board.
- ADJOURNMENT  
54/21** Prescott:  
That the regular meeting of October 18, 2021 be adjourned (6:45 pm)  
**CARRIED**

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Chairperson of the Board

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Secretary Treasurer